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Filed: 09/09/2003  
For: Process to Electronically Automate the Sorting of Chicken Feet in the Category of Edible or Inedible  
Examiner: David J Parsley  
Group Art Number: 3643

### Amendment to Patent Application in Response to Office Action Dated : 12-27-2006

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 12/27/2006 ("Office Action"), please amend the above application as mentioned herein.

Applicant responds to each of the Office Actions' requests (in the same order in which they arise) as follows:

- 1) Responding to item 1 of the Office Action, Applicant kindly requests that the Specification be amended to add a reference numeral to the data bus communications as stated in lines 13 – 14 of page 10 of the disclosure. Applicant's amendment only adds the reference numeral "24" to the applicable page and lines, and Applicant has drafted the entire line below for clarity sake.

**SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend lines 13 – 14 of page 10 to add a reference numeral to the data bus communications as follows:

These photoelectric sensors **4** and inductive sensors **6**, send signals back to the PLC **2** via  
| data bus communications **24**.

- 2) Responding to item 2 of the Office Action, Applicant kindly requests that the drawing enclosed herein and marked "Replacement Sheet" replace the previous version of the drawing. The new drawing enclosed herein includes all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version. The only change to this drawing was to add the reference numeral ("24") to the data bus communications.

**DRAWING:**

Please delete the prior drawing and replace herewith the drawing enclosed. The new drawing states "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin. And, the only change is to add a reference numeral ("24") to the data bus communications.

- 3) Responding to item 3 of the Office Action, Applicant has redrafted the claims, as the PTO's suggestion, so as to circumvent this objection. The claims have been redrafted and a Claim Listing is supplied herein. Therefore, amend claims 24 and 25 as stated in the Claim Listing, attached hereto.

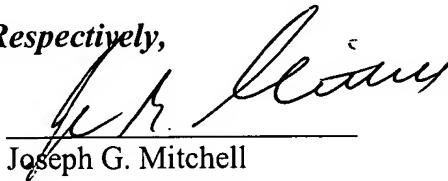
**CLAIMS:**

Applicant has re-drafted the claims and kindly requests the claims be amended according to the Claim Listing attached hereto. The Claim Listing is on a separate sheet, not containing any other part of the Amendment. Applicant has also provided the claims with appropriate the underlining and strike through of the Claim Listing and a clean copy of such Claim Listing.

- 4) Responding to item 4 of the Office Action, the claims have been redrafted as per the PTO's suggestion to circumvent the 35 USC sec. 112 objection. Applicant kindly thanks the PTO for helping Applicant respond to this objection.

- 5) Responding to item 5 of the Office Action, the Applicant has argued this prior art section 103 objection many times and will not re-hash those arguments again. So as to overcome this objection, Applicant has re-drafted his claims to circumvent this objection as per the Office Actions' suggestion under "Allowable Subject Matter." Again, Applicant thanks the Examiner for his kind help in this matter and prays that the re-drafted claims (as per the Claim Listing) is now in allowable form.
- 6) Responding to item 6 of the Office Action, Applicant has incorporated these suggestions into his claims (as per the Claim Listing) and again, thanks the Examiner for his advice.
- 7) Responding to item 7 of the Office Action, see item 5 above.
- 8) In response, Applicant thanks the PTO for re-reviewing this matter. Applicant has re-drafted the claims as per the PTO's suggestion. Applicant respectfully requests that in the event there is allowable subject matter, and the claims are still not in allowable form, that the Office re-draft the claims for allowable subject matter as per MPEP 21703.02.

*Very Respectively,*



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